

October 7, 2015

WACAB minutes

Board Members present: Stephanie Fisk McCurdy, Teresa Burks, Sarah Guengerich, John Stevens, Judy Handley, Chris Hageman, Traci Gehrke, Danelle Brewer.

City of Wichita: Lt. Steve Kenney, Jan Jarman, Drew Bessey.

Call to order by Stephanie Fisk McCurdy at 4:00 pm.

1. Minutes approved for 9/2, 6-0.
2. 6.04.048 John would like to add that during a year's time after a dog is deemed dangerous a reinspection should be done by Animal Control. A sign is already required. Input from Lt. Kenney- they would need to see the number of dogs meeting this requirement and determine what manpower this would add. Stephanie requested a number be provided to the board.
3. 6.04.050 It was verified that a person must identify themselves to an Animal Control officer.
4. 6.04.052 John brought up whether this point was grammatically correct, ie. should pit bull be capitalized.
5. Verbiage for the ordinances was discussed. Teresa suggested a fact sheet to summarize the ordinances. Additional languages for the sheet were discussed.
6. Judy noted that dangerous animal ordinances are spread throughout the overall ordinance and suggested they be grouped together for cohesiveness.
7. 06.04.060 Teresa suggested that on third conviction the dog might be euthanized. Lt. Kenney stated that the judge can order a year's probation where the person cannot own a dog.
8. 06.04.110 Teresa questioned a lack of licensing of cats and cat's being allowed to run at large. Teresa also suggests in part B that tags be issued only when a vaccination is given, ie. one tag to last for three years.
9. 06.04.140 Teresa pointed out that the statement reads "the year of issuance, which shall be the same as the year of vaccination" is contradictory to 06.04.110. Teresa also suggests that a microchip be substitutable for a rabies tag and ID tag due to choking hazards.
10. Discussion of the ordinances ended with 06.04.150.
11. New business- email from potential breeder highlighting that residential areas do not allow breeding. A second email from a citizen was received regarding stoppage of mail to a neighborhood due to dogs running at large. Animal control did not receive any notification of the dogs running loose.
11. The meeting was adjourned at 5:14. The next meeting is set for November 4, 2015, 4:00-5:15 pm.

Addendum: Teresa provided a definition for surgical sterilization: The surgical removal of the gonads. In males the testicles are removed. In females the ovaries are removed.

Public in attendance (names are spelled as correctly as I can read them)

Jill Koger

Willa Meek

Cheryl Taskinen

Sue K.

Tammy Johnson

Branden Hall

Tammy Stubbs

Amy Hylsho

Marilyn Johnson

George Theoharis

Lonny Welgh